

REMARKS

The Office Action dated March 22, 2004, has been received and carefully noted. The amendments made herein and the following remarks are submitted as a full and complete response thereto.

As a preliminary matter, Applicant appreciates the allowance of claims 19-30, 33-35, 38-51, 54-56, and 58-59.

Claims 19, 28, 31-33, 36-37, and 50-57 have been amended. Applicant submits that the amendments made herein are fully supported in the specification and the drawings as originally filed, and therefore no new matter has been added. Accordingly, claims 31-32, 36-37, 52-53, and 57 are pending in the present application and are respectfully submitted for consideration.

Claim 57 was objected to as containing some minor informalities. Applicant submits claim 57 has been amended to overcome the minor informalities therein, and therefore respectfully requests that the objection be withdrawn.

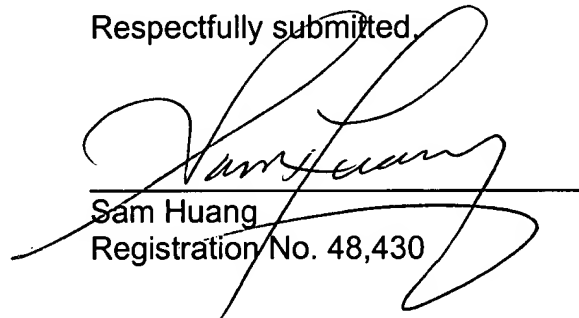
Claims 31-32, 36-37, 52-53, and 57 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claims 31-32, 36-37, 52-53 and 57 have been amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the present invention. Therefore, Applicant submits that the present application is in compliance with U.S. patent practice.

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully requests that claims 31-32, 36-37, 52-53, and 57 be allowed and that this application be passed to issue.

If for any reason, the Examiner determines that the application is not now in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the Applicant's undersigned attorney at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this application.

In the event this paper has not been timely filed, the Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension, together with any additional fees that may be due with respect to this paper, may be charged to counsel's Deposit Account No. 01-2300 referencing Attorney Docket No. 108075-00056.

Respectfully submitted,



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